LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2003, upon the application of THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE & EXPLORATION, L.L.C.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Operc B Zone**, **Reservoir G**, in the Ramos Field, St. Mary, Assumption and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana.

- 1. To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, such unit to be designated OPERC B RG SUA.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To designate The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C. Avoca 47 No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit.
- 4. To designate The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C. as the unit operator for the proposed unit.
- 5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Operc B Zone, Reservoir G, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
- 6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Operc B Zone, Reservoir G, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
- 7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Operc B Zone, Reservoir G, in the Ramos Field, St. Mary, Assumption and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 18,746' and 18,976' (ELM) (17,686' and 17,916' TVD), in The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C. - Avoca 47 No. 1 Well, which has a bottom hole location in Section 47, Township 16 South, Range 13 East.

A plat for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Lafayette**, Louisiana.

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm.

-6- Page 2

RAMOS FIELD 03-560

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

JAMES H. WELSH COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La 6/20/03;6/25/03 L dpe

IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION - ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.